STATE OF ALASKA 1 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2 DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING 3 BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS. 4 ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS 5 6 MINUTES OF MEETING 7 8 May 21-22, 2003 9 10 These draft minutes were prepared by the staff of the 11 Division of Occupational Licensing. 12 They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board. 13 14 By authority of AS 08.01.070 (2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, 15 the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors, (AELS) held a meeting 16 at the International Arctic Research Center (IARC), UAA Fairbanks Campus, 930 Koyukuk Dr., 17 Conference Room 417, Fairbanks, AK 99577. 18 19 Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call 20 21 22 Robert Miller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. 23 Members present and constituting a quorum of the Board were: 24 25 26 Robert Miller, Chairperson, Ph.D., Civil Engineer Daphne Brown, Architect 27 Kathy Gardner, Secretary 28 Robert Gilfilian, Civil Engineer 29 Donald J. Iverson, Electrical Engineer 30 Patrick Kalen, Land Surveyor 31 Scott McLane, Land Surveyor 32 Kimberly Mills, Public Member 33 Patricia Peirsol, Architect 34 Ernie Siemoneit, Secretary, Mining Engineer 35 Linda Cyra-Korsgaard, Landscape Architect, Temporary Board Member 36 37 38 Representing the Division of Occupational Licensing: 39 Nancy Hemenway, Executive Administrator 40 Julie Adamson, Licensing Examiner 41 42 43 Joining a portion of the meeting, in person were: 44 Division of Occupational Licensing: 45 46 Last printed 06/20/03 11:09 AM D TO TO TO THE PART OF THE PART OF

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Agenda Item 2 - Review/Revise Agenda

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The Chair asked for revisions to the agenda, and revisions were made as follows:

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- Brown noted that Item 24 contained the NCARB resolutions that would be presented at the annual meeting next month.
- Peirsol asked to have "Yellow page advertising" discussed and the Chair added it to questions for the Director, Agenda item 18, with Siemoneit as the lead Board member.
- The Chair indicated that under New Business, Agenda item 21, ELSES exam administration would also include exam security issues.

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Kalen asked if the meeting next May in Fairbanks could be held at the Butrovich Building, Board of Regents' Conference Room and the Chair indicated that it could be requested.

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Agenda Item 3 - Ethics Report

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The Chair noted there were additional ethics reports or disclosures by Board members. He would like the two new members to review the video on Ethics and instructed the Executive Administrator to send it to the new board members for their review.

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Agenda Item 4 – <u>Review/Approve Minutes</u>

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The Chair asked for any corrections or additions to the February 2003 AELS draft minutes. He suggested Page 14, Line 34 should list all professions and asked to have land surveyors and landscape architects added, after engineers.

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Brown stated that she appreciated having the resolutions tabulated in the minutes and also appreciated the Executive Administrator's resolution and task list inserted in the administrator's tab as it helps the Board track its progress.

On a motion duly made by Kalen, seconded by Gilfilian, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the February 2003 AELS draft minutes, as corrected.

The Chair noted that there were no objections and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Agenda Item 5 - Correspondence

The Chair cautioned individual board members to not speak for the entire board. Board members should direct the public to send correspondence items to staff so that the entire board can discuss questions.

The Chair brought up the following correspondence:

1. Letter of 5/13/03 from Logging Engineering, International, Inc. re: unlicensed contractors performing land surveying on Forest Service Land.

The Board held a discussion. Iverson indicated that the state lacks jurisdiction on federal lands and while the federal government often employ registered professionals, those individuals may be licensed in other jurisdictions but not specifically in Alaska. The Chair indicated that the Board could discuss this with the attorney and get definitive clarification on whether the State statutes require the federal government to use registered land surveyors, particularly with respect to those instances where federal land intersects with private or state lands.

2. E-mail of 5/14/03 from Tim Krug re: Landscape Architecture practice.

The Executive Administrator explained that Mr. Krug, who processes land use permits wanted direction on when a landscape architect is required and if an architect, engineer, or land surveyor could place trees and shrubs on their drawings.

Brown indicated that 12 AAC 36.069 (p. 20 AELS regulations) provides the guidance of when a landscape architect needed to be involved in projects that affect the public health, safety, and welfare.

McLane indicated that another provision, AS 08.48.281 (b) provides the authority for architects, engineers, and land surveyors, who have provided services under their practices to continue to do so.

Cyra-Korsgaard referred to the exemptions, AS 08.48. 331. She does not think that the exemptions allow for civil engineers or land surveyors to continue to practice landscape architecture. She said that engineers stamp designs if this is in their field of expertise.

McLane indicated that small outlying areas do not have access to registered landscape architect and limited budgets, and in those instances the design would be designed and stamped by professional engineer or land surveyor.

Discussion followed.

 The Chair indicated that it was the consensus of the Board that the plans would be stamped by a landscape architect on public projects. He stated the issue is who can stamp the projects for small commercial projects, larger than the 4-plex, 2-story buildings covered by the exemption in AS 08.48.331. The Chair also asked whether architects, engineers, and land surveyors who have had a practice of providing these services prior to the 1998 enabling legislation can continue to stamp the plans for commercial projects but not for public projects such as schools, playgrounds or other public facilities.

The Chair asked the Executive Administrator to look at the legislative history for landscape architecture and see if the issues raised were addressed during the committee process.

The Chair proposed setting up a task force in order to give the investigator guidance on who can stamp plans for landscape architecture, and asked Cyra-Korsgaard, McLane, Mills, and Gilfilian to serve, with Cyra-Korsgaard as Chair. The Executive Administrator will assist with any public noticing of teleconferences.

3. Memo of 5/2/03 from NCARB re: NCARB Certificate Revocation Notice on Alaskan Registrant.

The Executive Administrator explained that this was an information only item, and the Investigator explained that the Alaska case is a public matter and is in the Board investigator's report since an accusation was filed on Richard Cobb. Brief discussion followed.

4. Response from the State Fire Marshal regarding plan reviews.

The Chair explained that this letter was a response to a letter the Board sent to the State Fire Marshal concerning plan reviewers who had approved plans that did not have the appropriate stamp. The Chair indicated the State Fire Marshal concurs that AS 08.48.331 is included within their Standard Operating Procedure and each of the three regions is to follow the statute.

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5. Response from the DOT/PF re: Land Surveying during road construction.

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The Chair explained that this letter was a response to a letter the Board sent to the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The letter had included a reminder that land surveying requires a registered land surveyor and the Board wished to clarify that changes during construction must be done by a registered land surveyor. The Commissioner concurred that ADOT & PF is done in accordance with statutes, including the provisions under AS 08.48.

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6. E-mail of 4/5/03 from Laurie Kozisek, asking for guidance on stamping specifications.

The Chair referred to AS 08.48.221 and the requirement for final specifications to be stamped.

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Iverson indicated that the plans are stamped and the specifications are included in the packet. As a practical matter the specifications are not stamped and often it would require multiple stamps.

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Gilfilian concurred that it is not common practice to stamp specifications.

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27 Discussion followed.

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McLane asked when plans are stamped if the specifications are authorized by inference.

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32 Break: 10:30 a.m. 33 Reconvene: 10:45 a.m.

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The Chair noted that the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors (NCEES) model law specifically requires final specifications to be stamped.

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The Executive Administrator indicated she would check with other states common practice to require sealing final specifications.

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Brown said her understanding is that if you seal the plans, you take responsibility for the specifications and the associated plans.

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Iverson suggested a regulation be drafted that supports the concept that the registrant sealing the plans is taking responsibility for the associated

1	documents, including final specifications. The draft proposed regulation		
2	change could be placed on the agenda at the August meeting.		
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4	7. Letter of 4/18/03 from Patricia Crisenbury expressing concern over		
5	Arctic Course.		
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7	Gardner would like the Board to respond that all courses will be reviewed in		
8	November, as a courtesy.		
9	Kalen indicated that there have been similar concerns expressed in		
10	Fairbanks.		
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12	8. Memo of 4/4/03 advising that the Council of Landscape Architectural		
13	Registration Boards (CLARB) will administer portions of the Landscape		
14	Architectural Registration Exam (LARE), Sections A & B on August 11 th		
15	by computer examination.		
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17	The Chair indicated that the administrative sections of the LARE would be		
18	offered on August 11th and that candidates would apply directly to CLARB to		
19	take the exam.		
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21	For other professions, the Board approves applicants to take the exams, and in		
22	this instance the CLARB would administer exams to applicants who met their		
23	requirements. The issue is if the Board has any concern about this and if the		
24	Board would accept the exam results of applicants not previously approved by		
25	AELS to sit for these sections.		
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27	Steve Shuttleworth, Building Official, for the City of Fairbanks joined the		
28 29	meeting at 10:58 a.m.		
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31	The Board held a brief discussion on the LARE and the consensus was that		
32	since CLARB was offering administrative sections of the LARE there wasn't a		
33	concern and that passage of those segments taken prior to Board approval		
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36	9. Letter from the Idaho Board expressing opposition to eliminate the		
37	Education Assessment and Qualification committee as a standing		
38	committee.		
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40	The Chair indicated this is an information item.		
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42	The Chair moved to Tab 7, and skipped Tab 6, Subgroups.		
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44	Agenda Item 7 - Meet with Fairbanks Building Official.		
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46	The Chair introduced Steve Shuttleworth to the Board members.		

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Shuttleworth thanked the Board for inviting him to participate. He indicated 2 that he did not have an adequate window of time to comment on the Building 3 Officials' Manual (BOM) but that it was a good start to provide clarification of 4 5

some issues. He presented some issues that he has found routinely arise in

the course of completing plan reviews.

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One issue has been the question of when multiple stamps are required on 8 projects and he described an example of a 12-plex, two-story project. 9

10 Clarification of the need for public safety balanced between the cost of hiring 11

separate mechanical, electrical, and civil engineers would help. A discussion

followed. Iverson indicated that as the size of the building increases, the 12

complexity of the systems increase and it necessitates having an architect, and 13 14

electrical, mechanical and civil engineers all involved. The statutes have drawn

that line with anything larger than a 4-plex, two-story building.

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Mills asked where the Building Officials would draw that line and Shuttleworth stated that some jurisdictions consider other factors than size such as fire resistance and height above grade.

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A second issue is when plans labeled "Not for Construction" are submitted for plan review, or when plans are marked "plan review only" are submitted but are partially or up to 95% completed. Plan reviews cannot be finalized without final plans. And finally, it is frustrating to have professionals provide less than professional work. Recently, it came to his attention that someone provided a client with what the client described as an "as-built" plan yet the engineer never did an on-site visit, but did a review via the telephone

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The investigator, John Clark, indicated that if someone falsified or allegedly falsified an as-built survey that the matter should be reported and he could investigate the matter.

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Shuttleworth thanked the Board and suggested some additional Frequently 33 Asked Questions (FAQs) could be added to the BOM and that in particular, it 34 would be nice to have one that addressed multiple stamping on projects. 35

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Break for Lunch: 11:57 a.m. Reconvene: 1:16 p.m.

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All board members were present except for Peirsol, who was meeting with the Fire Marshal. The investigators, John Clark and George Weaver were present.

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Agenda Item 8 - Public Comment

- 1 The Chair introduced Bob Carlson, Ph.D., P.E., UAF and current President of
- the Alaska Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); and Peter Beardsley waiting to
- 3 present comments to the Board.

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Dr. Carlson indicated that Dale Nelson, President, Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) would be coming before the Board tomorrow.

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- 8 Dr. Carlson strongly supported the arctic course review process, and offered
- 9 the assistance of the Alaska Section of the ASCE as a resource to the Board's
- subcommittee on Arctic Engineering (charged with evaluating the Board's
- requirement for applicants to complete an arctic course).

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Dr. Carlson thought the Board's direction on a professional engineering license versus discipline specific licensure is not well understood in the engineering community, and that ASCE would like to offer input into that process.

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- 18 Dr. Carlson felt that continuing education is strongly supported by the national
- 19 professional societies. He also noted he appreciated the Outreach to
- 20 Professional Societies agenda item on the AELS agenda.

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22 The Board held a short discussion on engineering disciplines:

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Iverson asked if the ASCE had opinion on the discipline specific license and said the Board had received little comment or input from public so far.

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Dr. Carlson indicated that many civil engineers are obtaining Masters' Degrees in environmental engineering and the Bachelor of Science degree holders cannot compete so the programs that offer a BS in environmental engineering are diminishing and the number of BS degrees seem to be tapering off.

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Brown said the specific discipline for Architectural Engineering has crossed many boundaries.

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Dr Carlson responded that the architectural engineering discipline is a specialty in heating and ventilation systems, and does not focus on architecture but building systems.

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- 39 Peter Beardsley, an environmental consultant, would like to get registered in
- 40 Alaska. He would need to apply as a civil engineer since Alaska does not offer
- "environmental" engineering as a discipline and he has compared his degree to
- 42 a BS degree in civil engineering and found he is lacking in structures and
- transportation. He briefly outlined his education and experience.

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The Board held a brief discussion.

- 1 The Chair indicated that an applicant holding an environmental degree should
- be able to pass the PE-Civil NCEES exam. He provided the background that
- 3 NCEES felt that at one time all engineers had a shared core of education but
- the core courses are now very different depending on the degree and the justification for the general license was gone.

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The Chair suggested that Mr. Beardsley should apply for the Professional Engineering exam by July 25, 2003 for the upcoming October 24, 2003 exam.

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The Chair also mentioned newsletter that states some ABET accredited degrees do not prepare students to pass the NCEES exam. It appears that NCEES and ABET are no longer stressing the same education.

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Peirsol joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m. after meeting with the Fire Marshal.

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Agenda Item 9 - <u>Investigator Report and Discussion Items</u>

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Clark asked if there were any questions on the board report.

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Brown asked if unlicensed practice cases were increasing and Clark responded that he has experienced more instances of unlicensed practice.

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Brown also wanted to discuss the accusation filed on Richard Cobb, Case 0100-02-5. She has qualms about finding fault with someone who did not appropriately answer questions that are no longer even asked on the current renewal or application forms.

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Clark indicated he attempted to negotiate an agreement to have him complete an ethics course, a reprimand, and a fine but he was unsuccessful in achieving that agreement. Clark was required to open an investigation or drop it, at a time when another jurisdiction, Alabama has just sanctioned his license for lying on his renewal. Additionally, NCARB has just revoked Mr. Cobb's certification.

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Peirsol asked what action would have been taken if Mr. Cobb had told the truth and Clark responded that he probably would have been licensed anyway

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Kalen referred to AS 08.48.071, that specifically requires applicants to be of good character and indicated that it appeared that the statute was violated.

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Clark asked to discuss the amount of unlicensed activity and said a cease and desist order does not seem to be a deterrent. Clark would like the Board to consider a fine for the first offense, for example, a \$1500 initial fine.

2	discussed a medical office that was in the process of being built without an
3	architect or multiple engineers (civil, electrical and mechanical engineers).
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5	The Chair mentioned that contractors and mechanical and electrical
6	administrators all fall under the Division of Occupational Licensing and he
7	suggested that the Board do a mailing to those individuals to inform them of
8	the requirement to use registered architects, engineers, and land surveyors on
9	public projects.
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11	Brown suggested that this be an annual letter and that the language also
12	includes the provision that mandates that the official is ethically bound to
13	report violations.
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15	The Board held a discussion.
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17	Clark indicated that there are instances of licensees reinstating retired status
18	licenses that could benefit from mandatory continuing education, particularly
19	someone who has not been a practicing engineer for an extended period.
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21	Iverson mentioned that licensees could simply renew as long as they want
22	since there is no audit to see if the licensee has been actively practicing.
2324	Brown thought that the continuing education should be addressed at a later
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29	RESOLVED to Create a fine of \$2,000 for unlicensed practice.
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31	The Board held a discussion and some members expressed concern about
32	fining for a first offense. Concern was expressed about the number of
33	unlicensed practice cases and the need to take some action to curb this
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40	and mechanical administrators prior to the fine being implemented.
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The Chair recapped the amended motion:

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RESOLVED to establish a \$2000 fine for unlicensed practice and to send an informational letter to contractors and mechanical administrators informing them of this first offense fine.

On a motion duly made by McLane, seconded by Brown, and adopted,

The Chair asked for a roll call vote, listed as follows:

Board Member	Yea	Nay
Brown	X	
Gardner	X	
Gilfilian	X	
Iverson		X
Kalen		X
McLane	X	
Miller	X	
Mills	X	
Peirsol		X
Siemoneit	X	
Total	7	3

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The Licensing Examiner indicated the motion passed 7-3.

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The Chair indicated that the Board wants to curb unlicensed practice and this gives the investigator the direction that the Board would like to go. He indicated that all orders come to the Board for approval so that individual circumstances can be considered and referenced AS 08.48.295.

RESOLVED to send a letter to Bob Springer, Kenai Building Official

with respect to the requirements in AS 08.48 and to invite him to

On a motion duly made by Brown, seconded by Mills, and carried

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The Chair indicated the motion passed with no objections and asked the Executive Administrator to circulate a draft letter to the Board.

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On a motion duly made by Brown, seconded by Gardner, and carried unanimously, it was

29 30 attend our next AELS meeting.

1	RESOLVED to develop a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) to clarify
2	unlicensed practice. Any construction of a commercial building
3	requires the stamp of an architect, engineer, land surveyor, or
4	landscape architect, unless otherwise exempt from AS 08.48.
5 6 7	The Chair indicated the motion passed with no objections.
8	Clark indicated that he had some concerns about Bed and Breakfasts and Brown offered to review the codes and exemptions.
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11	Break: 3:10 p.m.
12 13	Reconvene 3:20 p.m.
14 15	Agenda Item 10 - Old Business
16 17 18	Siemoneit referred to Tab 10, and the report on erosion control by Clint Adler, P.E.
19	Siemoneit indicated that the Army Corps of Engineers requires a permit and
20	drainage to be designed and the purpose of the exemption in AS 0848.331 (11)
21 22	is not clear.
23	Cyra-Korsgaard commented that the provision was added when the landscape
24 25	architect statute was being written specifically to allow mining reclamation without the necessity of a landscape architect.
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27 28	Kalen suggested the provision for this exemption be removed or reworded on the next bill.
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30	Brown stated the Board could interpret the statute and clarify that this exemption only applies to mining operations or large stream reclamation.
32 33	Cyra-Korsgaard stated the environmental agencies supercede what states do
34	with stream beds and that there is a permitting process that specifically
35	outlines the requirements.
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37	Siemoneit suggested a straw poll to get an idea of the Board member's views.
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39	Iverson suggested eliminating the exemption.
40	Kalen agreed and suggested that the language needed redrafting.
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42	The Chair indicated that the Board did not specifically have to respond to this
43	since Mr. Adler provided the document to the Alaska Professional Design
44	Council and that the professional society was reviewing this.
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46	Agenda Item 11 - <u>Application Reviews</u>

	motion duly made by Kalen, seconded by Iverson, carried aimously, it was
	RESOLVED to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing applicant files.
The l	Board went into executive session at 3:40 p.m. and recessed at 6:00 p.m.
Thu	rsday, May 22, 2003
Agen	da Item 12 – <u>Convene/Roll Call</u>
Mem	bers present and constituting a quorum at 8:05 a.m. were:
	Robert Miller, Chairperson, Ph.D., Civil Engineer
	Daphne Brown, Architect
	Kathy Gardner, Secretary
	Robert Gilfilian, Civil Engineer
	Donald J. Iverson, Electrical Engineer
	Patrick Kalen, Land Surveyor
	Scott McLane, Land Surveyor
	Kimberly Mills, Public Member
	Patricia Peirsol, Architect
	Ernie Siemoneit, Secretary, Mining Engineer
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	Nancy Hemenway, Executive Administrator
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	David Brower, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law
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The Chair asked if there were any concerns about files that needed to be addressed.

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The Executive Administrator explained there were several files that needed to be discussed.

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The Chair asked for a motion.

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On a motion duly made by Kalen, seconded by Iverson, and carried unanimously, it was

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RESOLVED that the Board goes back into executive session for the purposes of discussing applicant files.

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The Board went into executive session at 8:05 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:20 a.m.

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Agenda Item 13 - Goals and Objectives

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The Board discussed and revised the Goals and Objectives, as follows:

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24 Goal #1 – Increase Board's work efficiency.

	Objectives	Lead Responsibility	Target Date
a)	Establish an orientation program for new	Miller	Ongoing
	Board members to assist in getting up to		
	speed as quickly as possible. Provide		
	Sample applicant files to new members.		
b)	Update and maintain goals and objectives.	Chair & Exec. Adm.	Ongoing
c)	Update and maintain clear record of Board	Chair & Exec. Adm.	Ongoing
	operating policies and procedures		
	previously adopted by the Board. Date and		
	track progress of all proposed changes to		
	these policies and procedures.		
d)	Automate AELS application and licensing	Staff oversee and	Ongoing
	process by:	track	
•	 Distributing and receiving applications 		
	electronically		
(Structuring database so that it minimizes 		
	manual data entry		
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	answer queries easily.		
e)	Pursue training for Board and staff.	Board and Staff	Ongoing
f)	Pursue strategic planning.	Brown and Exec.	Ongoing

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<i></i>	Provide letter of Board's intent and	Board	Ongoing
1	understanding relating to any proposed		
	legislative changes; develop procedures for		
	doing the same.		
h) :	Establish subcommittee work at each	Chair	Ongoing
1	meeting.		
i) 1	Increase dedicated attorney time.	Chair	Ongoing

2 Goal #2 – Increase Board's cost effectiveness.

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	Objectives	Lead Responsibility	Target Date
a)	All Board members or administrators who	Attending Board	Every Board
	attend a regional or national professional	member and/or Staff	meeting;
	function on behalf of Board shall submit a		ongoing
	written report to rest of Board to share		
	knowledge gained.		
b)	Examine feasibility of Board autonomy.	Gardner, Gilfilian,	2/2004
		Kalen	
c)	Obtain and analyze Board budget. annually	Chair & Exec.	Ongoing
	and request audit of income or expenses as	Administrator	
	appropriate.		
d)	Review "minor importance" overlap between	Mills, Cyra-	Ongoing
	professions.	Korsgaard, McLane,	2/2003
		Gilfilian, Peirsol	

Goal #3 – Ensure that all individuals practicing within state are either registered or fall within appropriate exemptions to registration.

	Objectives	Lead Responsibility	Target Date
a)	Determine what action, if any is necessary to encourage registration of	iller	Ongoing
	University of Alaska architects, landscape architects, land surveyors		
	and engineering faculty, state and federal design professionals.		
b)	Advertise AS 08.48.295 provision for civil penalty for unregistered and unauthorized practice.	Brown ; Exec. Administrator	Ongoing
c)	Review "minor importance" overlap between professions.	Mills, Cyra- Korsgaard, McLane, Gilfilian, Peirsol	Ongoing
d)	Send letter to general contractors,	Chair, Executive	Annually (May-
	electrical and mechanical	Administrator	June)

	administrators annually.		
e)	Adequately fund investigators to	Chair/Board	Ongoing
	pursue unlicensed activity, including		
	site investigation		
f)	Seek additional dedicated attorney time	Chair/Board	Ongoing
	for prosecution of unlicensed practice		

Goal #4 – Ensure all materials used to establish competency in the professions are appropriate for use within Alaska.

	Objectives	Lead Responsibility	Target Date
a)	Review Arctic Course.	Gardner, Gilfilian	11/2003 &
		·	5/04
b)	Update AKLS Exam.	Kalen, McLane	Ongoing
c)	Update educational standard references	Board and Exec.	Annually (Feb
	for NCARB publications in regulations.	Administrator	mtg.)

Goal #5 – Ensure that Alaska standards stay within the national norms, and its licensing systems are fair and applied uniformly.

	Objectives	Lead Responsibility	Target Date
a)	Monitor and review latest federal	Board and Exec.	Each Board
	regulations, state Board decisions, and	Administrator	meeting;
	national organization policies relating to		ongoing
	NAFTA.		
b)	Obtain adequate funding to send	Board and Exec.	Ongoing
	"discipline specific" Board members/	Administrator	
	Executive Administrator to National,		
	and Zone meetings to ensure Alaska		
	stays informed on national issues and		
	can influence policy issues affecting		
	their professions.		
c)	Investigate drainage, soils analysis, and	Kalen and McLane	Ongoing
	hydrographic surveying under the		
	definition of land surveying.		
d)	Develop regulations to implement model	Kalen and McLane	Ongoing
	law surveying.		
e)	Research CLARB council record.	Exec. Administrator,	Ongoing
		Miller, Cyra-	
		Korsgaard	
f)	Stay current on all competency and	Board and Exec.	Ongoing
	regulatory issues of other jurisdictions	Administrator	

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a)	Structure databases so that applicants can access application via internet and	Cyra-Korsgaard and staff	Ongoing
	answer queries easily (for application	Stall	
	checklist) (See Goal #1, and #4).		
b)	Update AELS Web Page, including	Licensing	Ongoing
	postings of commonly asked questions	Examiner	
	(FAQs).		

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Goal #7 – Improve communication with public about Licensing Benefit and Problem Resolution Process

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	Objectives	Lead Responsibility	Target Date
a)	Issue Public Service Notice with contact	Executive	Ongoing/Websit
	information for complaints.	Administrator	e
b)	Letter to BBB/Ombudsman re: contact	Executive	11/2003
·	for complaints.	Administrator	
c)	Educate Public about Benefit of using	Mills & Executive	Ongoing/Websit
	Licensed Professionals (in Public Service	Administrator	e
	Notices).		

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Break: 9:10 a.m. 8 Reconvene: 9 9:20 p.m.

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The Chair indicated that Dale Nelson, the President of the Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) was present and he introduced him to the Board.

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Nelson indicated he would like to be a point of contact for the Alaska 14 Professional Design Council (APDC), and the Alaska Society of Civil Engineers 15

(ASCE) (a local chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers 16 17

(NSPE)). He would like to work to assist the Board in reaching its goals. He is

interested in reconciling education and registration requirements and supports mandatory continuing education.

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Gardner asked if the ASCE position in support of a mandatory continuing education program was official.

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Nelson responded that a survey was conducted and a majority of the members of the ASCE, about 58% to 60% favored continuing education.

Brown asked about the term "registration" and Nelson responded that he has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers and many of those engineers are not registered yet public health and safety could be involved.

Brown noted that the Board strives to serve the public needs rather than professional interests.

Kalen noted that the legislator are subject to political pressures to create exemptions for people who would otherwise need registration, federal agencies especially, and the Board does not have influence regarding this.

Nelson responded that enforcing registration requirements was important.

Siemoneit mentioned that the mentoring system would be one way of helping people who are currently working in exempt positions to get licensed.

Agenda Item 14 - Administrator's Report

 The Executive Administrator gave her report and encouraged Board members to respond timely to request for input or review so that she can better assist the Board in achieving its goals. Board members serve in a voluntary capacity and it can be difficult to make time to assist staff but it is crucial to get the feedback from the design professionals serving on the Board.

The Executive Administrator gave a status report on the on-line application process that is now going to be delayed. The requirement for notarized signature is keeping data processing from investing too much time on the online application project. The number of applicants who benefit is not great enough to make it worth the time invested. There is a limited amount of data processing programmer time available and that time would be better focused on the upcoming licensing renewals to ensure a smooth operation in November.

The Executive Administrator mentioned that investigator Clark discussed yesterday the need for considering continuing education requirements for retired certificate reinstatements. Any work that has been done on this project will be filed for future use if the Board adopts a mandatory continuing education program.

Brown suggested the Board write a letter of review to the director and program coordinator for the Executive Administrator and the senior licensing examiner, Julie Adamson, in support of their work on behalf of the Board. She indicated that there are four distinct professions that comprise the AELS Board and that the role of the Executive Administrator is to assist the Board in developing and implementing its policies.

Cyra-Korsgaard asked that that information be included in the letter to the director.

The Chair responded that he would write a letter.

the function of the administrator.

The Executive Administrator mentioned that several years ago the Director requested a reclassification as a means of increasing the salary for examiners and that the licensing examiner positions had been raised a range.

At the same time the Executive Administrator positions were also reviewed and that the Department of Administration upgraded some of them but not others. When the Executive Administrator (AELS) position was created it was as a result of a budget increment and was classified as an exempt position, and that position was not upgraded. As a result of the Department of Administration, Division of Personnel reclassification, the AELS Executive Administrator position has recently been reclassified from a fully exempt position to a classified position. The agency has several methods to convert the position to a classified position. The division could also request an appeal of the reclassification. The program coordinator advised her that the division did not think they could defend such an appeal because there is not any statutory requirement for the administrator to be exempt or partially exempt or to clarify

She provided a brief history stating that all other Executive Administrators were created through a statute change and consequently have specific statutory authority to support a partially exempt position. Apparently, the AELS Executive Administrator position was initially incorrectly established as a fully exempt position when it was added as a budget increment.

The Board could discuss its options with the director, and one option would be to request in its annual report that the Executive Administrator language be placed in statute, similar to the language in statute for the other administrators. It is her understanding that the Board envisioned the position would be exempt, and not a classified position when the position was initially created for Executive Administrator.

She mentioned that as a result of the administration change that her travel to conferences has been cut, including prepaid travel, but that it was not uncommon to have additional scrutiny by new administrations on travel outside Alaska. She felt that over time that policy could change and travel to conferences may be restored.

Discussion followed.

The Executive Administrator advised that the procedure for creating a partially exempt position could be discussed in the teleconference with the Board's attorney.

Agenda Item 15 - Budget Summary Report

The Chair gave a brief overview of the budget to the new Board members.

The Board held a discussion about the budget comparisons and felt that the indirect costs were rising and were almost at the level of the direct costs.

The Chair indicated the Board could discuss this with the Director.

The Chair noted that they would skip the next item and come back to it but it was time to call its attorney.

Agenda Item 17 - Meet with David Brower, Assistant Attorney General

The Chair indicated that David Brower, Assistant Attorney General, was on-line by teleconference. He introduced the new Board members and Board members introduced themselves.

The Chair indicated that they had a letter from someone who was concerned about non licensed work on federal land but some of the work involves boundaries that should be done by a licensed professional.

 The Board held a discussion about the exemption under AS 08.48.331 that allows federal employees an exemption. It wasn't clear to the Board if all land surveying on federal lands could be done under some policy or other law that might apply. The Board felt it was common practice for the federal government to use registered land surveyors but there is not a requirement for the land surveyor to specifically be licensed in Alaska.

Brower indicated he could look at the correspondence but agreed that projects that would be on the border between private and federal land would clearly fall under state jurisdiction and should be done by licensed Alaskan land surveyors.

The Chair asked about stamping specifications and that under AS 08.48.221 it specifies that the final plans should be stamped but those specifications are not usually stamped in common practice. Only the final plans are stamped, and the specifications are attached.

The Board discussed stamping specifications.

Brower indicated that he thought the Board could discuss stamping 1

specifications and interpret the regulations. If the Board felt that by stamping

the plans the registrant was taking responsibility for the specifications 3

included with the plans, the Board could make that determination. 4

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Iverson indicated that the contract between the architect or engineer and the client joins the specifications and the drawings.

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Gardner thought the correspondence they received points out an inconsistency 9 10 between the regulatory requirement and the practical application of stamping the plans and specifications. 11

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The Chair mentioned a letter from the Building Official from Kenai who objects to state investigators doing site inspections when a project is in mid-stream.

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Iverson mentioned that the letter says that since he is in compliance with one part of law he does not need to follow the other part of the law that requires registered professional architects, engineers, and land surveyors for any public projects.

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Brown wants to clarify the Building Officials Manual by putting in a frequently asked question.

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Iverson asked the attorney to provide his opinion on the letter from the Kenai Building Official and wondered if Brower could respond to the letter.

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Brower indicated that he could advise the Board but the letter would appropriately come from the Board.

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The Chair asked the Executive Administrator to provide Brower with the letter from Mr. Springer.

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35 The Chair asked Brower about the classification for the Executive

Administrator's position. Brower referred to the statutes that provide the real 36 37

estate or marine pilot Executive Administrator position. He thought that the

language for the marine pilot administrator may be more what the Board is 38

seeking and could be used as a model for legislation. He did look at the 39

statutory authority for each of the positions and felt that each was somewhat 40 41

different but that all of the other Executive Administrator positions are established in statute.

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The Chair thanked Brower for his participation and the teleconference ended at 10:40 a.m.

1	Break: 10:40 a.m.
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3 4	Agenda Item 18- Meet with the OL Director by Teleconference
5 6	The Chair welcomed Rick Urion, Director, Division of Occupational Licensing.
7 8	The Board introduced themselves individually.
9	The Chair asked if the Director would like to address the Board.
10 11	Urion stated that he has an open door policy and welcomed any input about
12	how things could be improved or any problems that should be brought to his
13	attention.
14 15	The Chair asked about budget considerations and Urion responded that costs
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18 19	The Chair indicated that the Board has a listing of its Goals and Objectives that the Executive Administrator could provide him with to show the issues the
20	Board is currently working to address.
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22	Urion shared his view that some Boards are more concerned with professional
23	protectionism than in public protection.
2425	Brown responded that this Board represents four different professions and that
26	the Board is very concerned about public protection. She said that the Board
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28	important Board goal.
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30 31	The Chair reiterated that the meetings are an important part of the Board's work, and the ability for a design professional to work between licensing
32	jurisdictions is important. Mobility and impediments to mobility is a topic that
33	is discussed and worked on at national and regional meeting.
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35	Brown noted that the Board's standards are in keeping with the national
36	norms and consequently our professionals' credentials can be used to gain
37 38	licensure in any jurisdiction. Some jurisdictions have lowered their standards and their registrants are not able to readily get licensed in other jurisdictions.
39	The Chair explained that tightening regulations regarding educational
40	requirements is necessary for public safety.
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42	Urion asked if the standards put anyone out of business.
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44	Iverson responded that our state is not the most restrictive state and if
45 46	someone is licensed in another jurisdiction they would likely obtain licensure in Alaska.

Kalen asked about the budget constraints and wanted to know if AELS fees would be used for other programs.

Urion responded that there is a move to put licensing fees into the general fund but he is opposed to this.

The Chair asked about the reclassification of the Executive Administrator position for AELS from an exempt position to a classified position. He explained that the Board strongly supports the current administrator to continue in the position. A discussion followed.

Iverson indicated that 8 years ago the Board would have pursued a statute change if it were required.

The Chair indicated the Board desires to pursue a statute change to have the Executive Administrator position as partially exempt with statutory language similar to the other Executive Administrator positions.

Urion indicated that the Executive Administrator position is more secure as a classified position than it would be if it were kept as an exempt position.

A short discussion followed. Brown supported investigative field work for unlicensed practice and expressed disappointment about the cuts to advertising in the yellow pages.

 Siemoneit mentioned that he was involved with setting up the advertising that gave the public access to our website and resources. He thought the total advertising ran about \$3700. He felt that this was an important part of protecting the public and asked to have the Director consider reinstating the web based yellow pages which runs about \$700.

Brown added that routinely professionals are putting advertisements in the yellow pages under the listing of architect, engineer, land surveyor, and landscape architect but they are not licensed professionals.

Kalen stated that people who use the yellow pages are looking to hire someone and that the advertisements made people aware that there is a requirement for licensure, and it gives the public an opportunity to search a list of current licensees. The Board tried to work with individual telephone directory companies but they do not enforce these requirements and will post anyone under the listing so long as they have paid for the advertising.

The Chair discussed the budget and the concern the Board has with increasing indirect costs. Mearig, who just finished his term on the Board, had done a chart that lists the comparison between direct and indirect costs. He asked if the Board could get the roll forward figure and fee chart by the August meeting.

Urion indicated that the State's accounting system is complex but he felt it was accurate so any increase would be reflected.

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- 5 Brown outlined the investigative procedures the Board uses with its
- 6 investigators. The investigator outlines the issues and a Board member weighs
- 7 in on the specific issue. Unless specific information is required in order to
- 8 make an investigative determination, the Board member can assist the
- 9 investigator to try to get people into compliance.

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11 Iverson indicated that the investigators confer with the design professional who 12 has the expertise in the area of the complaint.

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Urion commended the Board on its efforts to encourage compliance.

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16 The Board held a short discussion.

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The Chair brought up Board travel and indicated that the Board had requested and received authorization for 12 Board member trips and the Board strongly favored retaining the travel funds. The Board wants to stay proactive with regard to issues and attendance at annual national and regional meetings is necessary to do so.

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Brown indicated that the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) trips have been paid through dues. The travel is prepaid for one Board member and one Executive Administrator to travel to the regional and annual meetings. The travel is recommended by the NCARB and the professional societies also support the participation.

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Iverson mentioned that these trips are often inconvenient but necessary for the Board.

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Siemoneit outlined some agenda items that he has participated in and how important it is for Board members to have the exposure to the nation wide standards for the licensing and examinations that we administer. The conferences afford the professionals the interaction with other jurisdictions.

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The Chair mentioned that the western states have started a group called the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) that has been working to foster reciprocity between Canada and Alaska. The incoming Chair of that meeting is Senator Dyson.

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The Chair mentioned that the Board would like to send a letter to contractors advising them of the requirements for registered architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects to produce design and documentation on public projects and commercial projects larger than a 4-plex, 2 story building. Urion responded that he did not see any downside to informing contractors.

The Chair thanked the Director for his participation.

6 Break: 12:00 p.m. 7 Reconvene: 12:03 p.m.

The Chair asked to move forward to Agenda item # 22.

Agenda Item 22 – Read Applications into Record

On a motion duly made by Kalen, seconded by Iverson, and carried unanimously, it was RESOLVED to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing an application at 12:03 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 12:08 p.m.

The Chair asked the Licensing Examiner to read the applications into the record.

On a motion duly made by Kalen, seconded by Gardner, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the following list of applications for comity and examination as read, with the stipulation that the information in the applicant's file will take precedence over the information in the minutes:

NAME	DISCIPLINE	EXAM/ COMITY	BOARD ACTION
1. Ania-Blecua, Juan	Architect	Comity	Approved
2. Azarbin, Hamid	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
3. Baginsky, Sean	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
4. Bowman, John	Land	Comity	Approved
	Surveyor/AKLS		
5. Bushnell, Chad	Architect	Comity	Approved
6. Challenger, Henry	Chemical Engineer	Comity	Approved
7. Collins, David	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
8. Cope, Marian	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
9. Dalal, Yogesh	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
10. Epstein, Lois	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
11. Farr, Dale	Architect	Comity	Approved
12. Fluhrer, Mitchell	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
13. Haislip, Robert	Land	Comity	Approved
	Surveyor/AKLS		
14. Hyde, Cameron	Architect	Comity	Approved
15. Judah, Scott	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
16. Kent, Jason	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved

17. Meissner, Brian A.	Architect	Comity	Approved
18. Przybyiski, Mark A.	Mechanical Engineer	Comity	Approved
19. Robinson, Craig L.	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
20. Shriver, George W.	Architect	Comity	Approved
21. Stchyrba, David A.	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
22. Stokes, Peter J.	Petroleum Engineer	Comity	Approved
23. Szramek, Michael	Civil Engineer	Comity	Approved
24. Ault, James	Mechanical Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending PE Exam
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25. Booze, Rodney	Architect	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic,
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26. Eisler, Sean	Mechanical Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
27. Haake, David	Electrical Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
28. Hall, Gary	Civil Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
29. Lyon, Christopher E.	Electrical Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
30. Munn, Daniel A.	Civil Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
31. Pagel, Mary K.	Civil Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
32. Paulson, Kimberly A.	Mechanical Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
33. Pearce, Richard A.	Civil Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
34. Perchinelli, Claudia	Civil Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
35. Schamp, Scott T.	Chemical Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Transcript
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36. Weiss, Andrew J.	Mechanical Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Verification
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37. Zhu, Minqiao	Civil Engineer	Comity	Conditional, Pending Arctic
38. Hall, Mark	PE-Electrical	Exam	Approved
39. Henrickson,Scott	PE-Civil	Exam	Approved
40. Morris, Arthur W.	PE Civil	Exam	Approved
41. Nelson, Kenneth F.	PE Civil	Exam	Approved
42. Nielsen, Kimberly A.	PE Civil	Exam	Approved
43. Atkins, Steve	PE-Electrical	Exam	Conditional, Pending Arctic
44. Cutler, Michael	PE-Civil	Exam	Conditional, Pending FE
			Verification
45. Gillespie, Christopher	Landscape Arch.	Exam	Conditional, Pending Arctic,
	_		Transcript And Fees
46. Johnson, David	PE-Electrical	Exam	Conditional, Pending
			Documentation For FE Waiver Or
			FE Application
47. Momblow, Benjamin	PE-Civil	Exam	Conditional, Pending Transcript
			And FE Verification
48. Birch, Amanda Sue	FE	Exam	Approved
49. Cardona, Isabel	FE	Exam	Approved

50. Roberts, David	FE	Exam	Approved
51. Preston, William	FLS	Exam	Approved

On a motion duly made by Kalen, seconded by Gardner, and unanimously adopted, it was

RESOLVED to find incomplete the following list of applications for comity and examination as read, with the stipulation that the information in the applicant's file will take precedence over the information in the minutes:

1. Maloney, Patrick D.	PE-Electrical	Exam	Incomplete
2. Smith, Lester J.	Land Surveyor/PLS	Exam	Incomplete

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion and there were none.

On a motion duly made by Kalen, seconded by Gardner, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to deny the following list of applications for comity and examination as read, with the stipulation that the information in the applicant's file will take precedence over the information in the minutes:

1. Crowther, G. Scott	Land Surveyor	FLS Exam	Denied, needs 32 additional month's
			work experience

Break for lunch: 12:20 p.m. Reconvene: 1:10 p.m.

The Chair moved to take up Agenda Item 15.

Agenda Item 15 - Budget Summary Report

The Chair asked if anyone had comments on the budget report.

The Board held a short discussion about the budget expenditures and their concern about indirect costs increasing, that the Director is monitoring program receipts legislation, and their interest in having fees remain the same for consistency.

At 1:25 p.m. Dale Nelson joined the meeting.

Agenda Item 16 - Legislation

Kalen briefed the Board on the legislation that was before the Legislature.
HB 252, by Representative McGuire, relating to term limits and continuing
education, came close to passing and is currently before the Senate Judiciary
Committee. It was amended in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee to
give the Board more flexibility to determine when to require continuing
education. It is possible that the bill could pass early next year.

Representative McGuire introduced the bill and a companion bill (SB 207), was introduced by Senator Seekins.

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- 4 HB 268, by Representative McGuire, relating to specialty contractors, is
- 5 currently in the House Rules Committee. It had hearings in the House Labor &
- 6 Commerce Committee and concerns were raised about specialty contractors
- weighing in. In his view, Kalen felt that the bill would probably get support so
- 8 long as the contractors have the ability to prepare shop drawings. Senator
- 9 Seekins introduced a companion bill, SB 206. That bill has a referral to the
- Senate Labor and Commerce Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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- HB 148, relating to Land Surveying Standards, was introduced by
- 13 Representative Harris. The Alaska Society for Professional Land Surveyors
- (ASPLS) has a task force working on a white paper on this. There are not
- currently any standards for mortgage surveys in Alaska but other jurisdictions
- 16 have addressed this.

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- 18 The Chair added that the Board has never set standards for individual
- 19 professions and it is important that the professional societies be involved in the
- 20 process but not the Board.

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- McLane indicated that about half the states have responsibilities within their
- 23 land surveyor Boards and that standards for mortgage surveys could be done
- 24 without too much trouble. These are surveys that the public is most familiar
- with and there are numerous complaints in these areas so there is public
- 26 concern.

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Siemoneit expressed concern about regulation creep and warned the Board to guard against regulation changes as a means of solving issues.

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- Kalen continued by discussing bills of interest to the Board: SB 180,
- introduced by Senator Therriault, and its companion bill, HB 269, which
- passed the legislature and is awaiting transmittal to the Governor's office. That
- bill would create a task force consisting of 9 members representing the: 1)
- Senate, (2) House of Representatives, (3) Administration, 4) construction
- design, 5) construction engineering, 6) contractors, 7) mechanical, 8) electrical,
- and 9) plumbing construction community.

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HB 9, Home Inspectors by Representative Rokeberg, passed the Legislature and is awaiting transmittal to the Governor.

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- The Board held a short discussion. The Chair introduced Jack Wilbur,
- 43 President of Design Alaska; and the State Director for the Fairbanks Chapter,
- of the Alaska Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE) who joined the meeting
- 45 at 1:40 p.m.

Wilbur clarified that he was making his comments as the President of Design Alaska. He was not aware that the professional society has taken an official

position on these issues.

Wilbur supports the current AELS licensing system. The additional burden currently placed on engineers from other states practicing in more narrowly focused disciplines to become registered in Alaska does not out weigh the detrimental affect that implementation of the non-discipline specific engineering licensure program, as currently envisioned by the AELS board, would have on engineers and engineering firms currently practicing in Alaska.

Wilbur felt that the public is better served by practitioners that have a broad view of an engineering discipline. For instance, the public is better served by a civil engineer that practices environmental engineering as one of his specialties than a narrowly focused environmental engineer that practices environmental engineering only, because when practicing environmental engineering he is likely to have to implement civil engineering into his designs. Another example, the public is better served by a mechanical engineer that practices fire protection engineering as one of his specialties than a narrowly focused fire protection engineer.

The Chair asked if the board were to add Fire Protection as a discipline how it would affect him.

Wilbur thought that incorporation of more narrow disciplines would make it more difficult for design firms to offer the same range of services that they currently offer. For instance, a mechanical engineering firm whose practice currently includes fire protection engineering and controls engineering would eventually have to have employees registered in three disciplines, Mechanical Engineering, Fire Protection Engineering, and Controls Engineering to offer the same range of services that they currently offer with just Mechanical Engineers on staff. This would be particularly burdensome for single practitioners and small firms.

Gardner indicated that the Board would not take fire protection language out of the current definition of mechanical engineering.

Wilbur suggested that if non-specific discipline licensure is adopted then the approach should be one of true general licensure where the licensed engineer decides in which engineering field(s) he is qualified to practice. Engineering ethics should then be relied upon to deter engineers from practicing out of their area of expertise. He did not see any real difference between a discipline specific licensure system and a non-discipline specific licensure system that requires that a licensed engineer practice only within the field for which he took the licensure exam.

Kalen asked if he knows engineers who are licensed in a generalized way. Last printed 06/20/03 11:09 AM

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Wilbur did not personally research Colorado licensure policies but his 2 3

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engineering without any restriction on the engineering disciplines you practice 4

and the licensed engineer decides in which engineering field(s) he is qualified to 5 practice.

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Dale Nelson, APDC, added that in Washington State, the engineers are issued a professional engineering license and must take the exam in their field of practice.

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The Board held a brief discussion about the concerns for small businesses that could be affected by a change in the licensing system for engineers. Larger firms can have a mechanical, electrical, and civil engineer on staff, and could add the specialty disciplines. Smaller firms would not be able to easily compete and would be at a disadvantage.

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The Board discussed the current requirements to work within their area of expertise by virtue of examination, education, and experience.

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The Chair thanked Wilbur for his comments.

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Agenda Item 19 - Board Elections

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The Chair brought up the Board Elections.

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Brown noted that historically the elections are held at the end of the fiscal year but that the Legislature changed the Board term ending dates from June to March. As a result it makes more sense to change the Board election date to correspond. Otherwise, as is currently the case, you can have new members voting who have absolutely no feel for the ability of the Board members to serve in officer capacities

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RESOLVED to postpone the Board Elections until February 2004.

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The Board held a brief discussion about the current officers and agreed to have the current officers continue to serve until the February election. The Board decided that if Siemoneit or Gardner were to be replaced prior to the February meeting that the Board would hold an election at the next meeting. The Chair noted that there no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item 20 - Draft Regulations

The Chair brought up Land Surveyor Model Law.

McLane spoke about the <u>Land Surveyor Model Law</u>. He indicated that there has been an effort at the national level to add photogrammetry and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to the definition of land surveyors. It has been a 3-year process to revise the 1995 Model Law for Land Surveying. Many states have already included photogrammetry in the definition of land surveying. Rita Lumos, Nevada Board has been instrumental in leading the task force and proposal to NCEES to change the model law to include GIS and photogrammetry. At the Western Zone meeting there were some objections by California that the changes to the model law create an unconstitutional two tiered system, but it did not seem as though there was support among the land surveyors for the objections. It is anticipated that the Model Law Surveying

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issue will be taken up at the NCEES Annual Meeting at the Land Surveyor's forum. The Board is poised to move forward to adopt the Model Law for Land

Surveyors once it is passed at the national level.

The Executive Administrator explained the work she had done to prepare draft forms and draft regulations for a requirement for continuing education as a condition of <u>reinstatement of retired licenses</u> that have not been active for five or more years. Procedurally, if someone wants to reactivate a retired license they fill out the renewal form if the license has been active within the past five years. If five or more years have passed, an applicant would fill out an initial application and the file would come to the Board for review.

Brown suggested that the Board postpone requiring continuing education for retired status reinstatements until such time that they adopt requirements for mandatory requirements for continuing education as a condition of renewal.

The Executive Administrator indicated that the Board has previously adopted regulation changes that require reinstatements on a form provided by the department and she envisioned drafting one similar to that renewal form. She asked if the Board wanted to review those reinstatement applications or if the Board would prefer that staff process them just as they do routine renewal applications.

The Board held a brief discussion.

The Chair indicated that there was no need to see the reinstatement form if they met the requirements under 12 AAC 36.115. Staff could make the determination if the fees were paid, the fitness questions were answered, the form was signed, and that the applicant had taken the exam.

On a motion duly made by Brown, seconded by Gardner, and carried unanimously, it was

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RESOLVED that staff would process retired reinstatements in the same manner that they do biennial renewal applications.

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Brown brought up Design Competitions, where architects and other design professionals would prepare conceptual drawings for a proposed project, such as a library or bus shelter design. Once the competition resulted in an award the architect and other design professionals would need to be licensed in order to continue with the project. Currently, Alaska regulations are silent on design competitions but in many jurisdictions no licensing is required until the competition is awarded. She asked to have design competition held over until the August meeting to allow her to work with Peirsol to explore a possible regulation clarification.

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The Executive Administrator was asked to draft language for courtesy licenses. Currently, temporary licenses are used by the agency for short-term licenses until issues regarding child support or student loans have been resolved, and they are generally issued for up to 90 days. The Board has a requirement for Arctic engineering that is included in the draft.

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Peirsol said the concept for the regulation project should be aimed at emergency licenses.

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The Chair asked to put this item on the August 2003 AELS agenda.

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The Executive Administrator explained the Landscape Architect Registration Exam, LARE Retake Deadlines, proposed regulation change. Currently the retake deadline falls after the date we must order the LARE exams so we don't know how many to order. Since we have so few retake candidates we have just contacted them and advised them we must order the exam. Candidates have been helpful but are under no obligation to commit to the exam prior to the current retake deadline. If they decide by the deadline not to take the exam, the Board absorbs the cost of the exam. If we wait and order according to the requests, then the Board would be charged an additional late fee at a rate of about 50% higher fees. Unlike the NCEES, CLARB charges for scoring in the exam fee, so the costs are fairly high to purchase the exam sections.

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On a motion duly made by Iverson, seconded by Brown, and carried unanimously, it was

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RESOLVED to change the deadline to 60 days before the exam and to hold the regulation project before public noticing.

- The Executive Administrator explained that fees for the LARE Examination
- 2 Fees have increased and she has projected the increased fees through
- 3 December 2004 and has included a \$5 administrative fee for administrative
- 4 costs. A copy of the proposed changes to fees is in Tab 20, and specifically, fees
- 5 are:
- 6 Section A, increase \$5 to \$70;
- 7 Section B, increase \$5 to \$110;
- 8 Section C, increase \$55 to \$240;
- 9 Section D, increase \$20 to \$175; and
- Section E, increase \$55 to \$240.

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The Division of Occupational Licensing sets the fees so the draft regulation was submitted for public noticing. Kurt West, Regulations Specialist public noticed the fee increases on 5/13/03 and the public noticing period will end on June 16, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

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Agenda Item 21-New Business

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The Chair brought up the first item under New Business, <u>Fitness Questions for Corporate Renewals</u>.

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- Peirsol asked that the corporate renewal form be revised to be similar to the
- 23 revisions the Board made to individual renewal forms last renewal cycle, so
- that they do not ask questions about felonies and misdemeanor activities that
- 25 are not related to the design practices. The Board discussed the question and
- 26 any relevance to the firm's practice or individual violations, and to AS
- 27 08.48.171 which requires the design professionals to be of good character and
- 28 reputation. The Board decided that they wanted to confine the question to
- 29 incompetence and other practice-related crimes.

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- On a motion duly made by Brown, seconded by Peirsol, and carried unanimously, it was
- RESOLVED to delete, after landscape architecture, "or a U.S. or state statute excluding minor traffic regulations".

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The Executive Administrator read the revised fitness question on the corporate renewal form:

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- 39 Has the Corporation, LLC, LLP, or any of the person(s) designated in
- responsible charge or any principals of the corporation, LLC, or LLP been convicted of fraud, gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the
- practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture
- since the last renewal?

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- 45 The Chair indicated that the motion passed with no objections. The Chair
- indicated that they have previously discussed the <u>Profession Societies:</u>

<u>Outreach</u> and are pleased to have had some representatives from the professional societies join in parts of the meeting.

The Chair brought up exam security issues and indicated that the NCEES is very interested in having all jurisdictions allow NCEES to administer the exams. They say that there are large liability issues involved due to lost examinations and NCEES may require a state that wants to continue administering the exam to post a \$1 million dollar surety bond.

The Executive Administrator briefly discussed the ELSES program within NCEES and indicated that if the Board were to select having the NCEES administer the examinations, it would require a regulation change to implement the changes. NCEES gave us the estimated costs for ELSES exam administration costs, and there would be about a \$130 administrative fee in order for NCEES to administer the exams, as follows:

Exam	Scoring Fee	Administrative	Total Cost
		Fee	
FE	\$50	\$130	\$180
PE	\$100	\$130	\$230
FLS	\$65	\$130	\$195
PLS	\$110	\$130	\$240

The Chair indicated that he has concerns about how the increased costs to students would affect them taking the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FE) or if they would postpone taking the exam. At a time when we are working to encourage registration for engineers it seems like the Board should consider the overall effect the increases may have on students, in particular. They are not working at professional engineering firms and have to absorb the costs.

Brown stated that costs for the Architect Registration Exams and LARE exams are pretty high and the costs for engineers and land surveyors are pretty low. She did not think the costs were detrimental to registration.

The Chair indicated the ELSES Exam Administration would be on the August 2003 Agenda for action.

The Chair indicated that the Board had already done Agenda Item 22- Read Applications into the Record.

Agenda Item 23 - Board Member Reports

Brown reviewed the NCARB resolutions that will be acted on at the NCARB annual meting. Controversial items are Resolutions 03-7, 03-12; 03-14; 03-15; and 03-16. Resolution 03-2 revises the Broadly Experienced Architect process

and. Brown asked that the Executive Administrator send a copy to the 1

Legislative liaison, Sam Kito III, APDC, for his review with respect the proposed

amendment to HB 252, term limits by Representative McGuire.

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Brown indicated she tends to agree with the position taken by the Board of

Directors. She indicated she opposed Resolution 03-14, which is the position 6

taken by the Board of Directors. She indicated that she supported the bylaws 7

change to the Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards

(WCARB). 9

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The Chair indicated that the Board supports her views on the resolutions and that she would be the voting delegate at the annual conference. He explained to the new Board members that the attendees discuss any controversial measures prior to voting and the majority view is cast. If there were a dispute there is a method to split the vote of a Member Board, although the Alaska

Board has not done so. 16

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The Chair reported on the Western Zone Meeting with respect to Canadian reciprocity. He indicated that Canada has been working with NCEES to try to achieve reciprocity for its engineers but that the systems are different. He explained that the United States' licensing system relies on the examination process to verify minimum levels of competence whereas the Canadian system works in concert with the University and Professional Societies and they do not have a final competency testing component. NCEES has taken the view that Canada should administer the NCEES exams similar to how the Architects in Canada take the A.R.E. exam and can obtain licensure. And NCEES does offer the Professional Engineering exam in some locations in Canada.

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The Chair indicated that simultaneously Canada has been working to try to piecemeal agreements between states and is currently working to secure agreements between some Pacific Northwest States and Canada.

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McLane reported that the professional activity and knowledge surveys are being sent out and he encourages everyone to answer the surveys so that the process in enhanced.

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Gilfilian reported on the proposed resolution from the Idaho Board concerning fire protection. He explained that the Idaho Board felt that the code officials and fire authorities in Idaho and some other states were bypassing engineering law requirements on preparation of plans for fire sprinkler systems. The resolution would set up a task force to further investigate these claims.

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Brown commented that sprinkler systems are vendor supplied and are a 43 performance-based item. 44

Gilfilian also reported that Greg Brandow, CA, Chaired a NCEES task force to review the registration of structural engineers. Brandow will report his findings at the NCEES Annual meeting during the Western Zone Meeting.

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Kalen reported on the Western Zone Surveyors Forum and the opposition by California to the adoption of the Model Law for Land Surveyors. He felt that there is not strong support for the California concerns.

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Agenda Item 24 – Review Calendar of Events

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The Board held a short discussion about meeting dates and set tentative dates and places as follows:

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The tentative Board meeting dates are:

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August 21-22, 2003 Juneau

November 19-20, 2003 -Anchorage (Wed/Thurs, note date change).

February 19-20, 2004 Juneau June 3-4, 2004 Fairbanks August 19-20, 2004 - Kenai November 18-19, 2004 -Anchorage

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The Chair reviewed upcoming travel.

	Out-of-State Travel				
June 25-28, 2003	NCARB, Annual meeting	San Antonio, TX, Hilton Palacio del Rio	Peirsol, Brown, Miller, and Mills		
August 13-16, 2003	NCEES, Annual meeting	Baltimore, Maryland	Miller, Gilfilian (paid delegate), Iverson, and Kalen.		

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The Chair stated the delegates to attend the NCARB annual meeting: Brown, Peirsol, Miller, and Mills, and noted that Peirsol is the 3rd party funded

delegate. The Chair stated that the Director denied the prepaid travel for the

Executive Administrator to attend the meeting and the Chair indicated he 29 30

discussed this with the Director.

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There are no costs involved for Brown to attend the meeting as she serves on the Executive Committee and travels as part of the NCARB Committee funding.

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NCEES annual meeting: Miller, Iverson, and Kalen. Miller serves on the 35

Engineering Licensure Qualifications Task Force (ELCOG) and Kalen has been 36

appointed to serve on the Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines

Committee (UPLG). NCEES also has a program to send one funded delegate and Gilfilian would attend as the funded delegate.

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Cyra-Korsgaard asked to attend the Spring CLARB meeting.

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The Chair indicated that the Board has been sending participants to the CLARB annual meeting but not the regional Spring meeting.

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Agenda Item 25 - Task List

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TASK LIST:
ASSIGNED TO
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ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT:
Brown	Work with Executive Administrator on design competition
	language.
	Review code for Bed and Breakfast exemptions.
Cyra-Korsgaard	Serve on Subcommittee to develop definitions for engineering disciplines.
Gardner	Serve as Chair of Subcommittee on Arctic Engineering.
Gilfilian	Serve on Subcommittee on Arctic Engineering.
Kalen	Work on draft language for the model law surveyors.
	Assist Executive Administrator in preparing draft regulations for Model Law Land Surveyor.
	Work on Board Autonomy.
McLane	Work on draft language for the model law surveyors.
	Work on Overlapping professions.
	Assist Executive Administrator in preparing draft regulations for Model Law Land Surveyor.
Miller (Chair)	Work on Canadian comity and responsible charge language.
	Respond to correspondence (Executive Administrator to assist).
	Serve on Subcommittee to develop definitions for engineering disciplines.
	Prepare a letter to the Director on excellent staff investigator, administrator, and Sr. licensing examiner; and to request staff travel to the NCEES annual conference.

TASK LIST:	
ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT:
Mills	Serve on Subcommittee to develop definitions for engineering
Daine al	disciplines.
Peirsol	Review BOM.
	Work with Brown on Design Competition language.
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Executive Administrator	Draft response to correspondence received from Dallas Hemphill, Logging Engineering, International re: registration requirements on federal lands, Inc.; Tim Krug, re: landscape architecture; Lauri Kozisek, ADOT/PF re: stamping requirements of final specifications; Patricia Crisenbery, Crisenbery Engineering re: arctic course. Check to see if NCEES has a specific definition for health,
	safety & welfare to compare with the new NCARB definition (KG, DB).
	Work with Architect Board members to develop language changes to address design competitions, if regulation change is needed.
	Poll MBAs to find out if other jurisdictions require stamping final specifications.
	Provide Assistance to Subcommittee on Arctic Engineering Short Course
	Assist Subcommittee to Develop definitions for engineering disciplines (exams).
	Assist Brown & Gardner to develop FAQ to curb unlicensed practice.
	Create reactivation form for Retired Status reinstatements, similar to renewal form for staff use in processing reactivations.
	Continue to create "Board Resolved" recapping resolutions for each meeting.
	Draft regulation change to clarify that specifications are considered stamped if the plans are stamped, or the cover sheet of specifications is stamped (for August AELS packet).
	Invite Juneau building official to the August 2003 meeting.
	Send NCARB resolution on Broadly experienced architects
	(BEA) process to APDC. Draft regulation change to add another segment to the Engineering Table for a future regulation project (for August AELS packet).
	Provide copy of Revised Goals and Objectives to the Director.

Reconvene:	3:10 p.m.
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Agenda Item 26	5 - Board Member Comments
Gardner said sh	e thought the meeting went well.
their work durin replacement for	ted the Executive Administrator and Licensing Examiners for ag the past quarter. He discussed the difficulty to find a another mining engineer to serve on the Board but he believes everal interested engineers willing to serve.
Mills thanked st	aff for their work.
	enjoyed having the Building Official participate at the meeting the Board will continue to invite Building Officials to
Brown regretted	that there was not time to meet in subgroups and hoped that I be able to do so at the August meeting.
that they would wanted to focus	thanked Siemoneit and Gardner for their service and hoped be at the August AELS meeting. She thought the new Directo on watching the budget and public protection, and not puttin to employment in Alaska.
-	at when the statutes were worked on that the Board would on, as previously in statute, for a mining or petroleum engined Board.
accommodate th	it was a good meeting and felt the Board could work to ne new Director, and to educate him in areas of importance to also thanked Siemoneit and Gardner for their service.
Gilfilian felt that the Ethics requi	the had a lot to learn and asked for more information about rements.
Гhe Chair asked	that the Ethics video be sent to new members to view.
	I Siemoneit and Gardner and looked forward to having the in his role for another year.
On a motion du unanimously, it	lly made by Kalen, seconded by Peirsol, and carried t was

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